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SUBJECT: JCE CHIEF INDICATES VOTER ABSTENTION AT HISTORIC LOW

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1. THE PRESIDENT OF THE JUNTA CENTRAL ELECTORAL (JCE), MANUEL JOAQUIN CASTILLO, PLACED THE ABSTENTION RATE IN THE MAY 16 NATIONAL ELECTIONS AT AROUND EIGHT PERCENT, DESPITE RECENTLY CIRCULATED REPORTS THAT PEGGED THE FIGURE AT 27 PERCENT.
2. CASTILLO RESPONDED TO PRESS INQUIRES ABOUT LISTIN DIARIO'S FRONT-PAGE STORY THAT THE ABSTENTION RATE WAS 27 PER CENT NATIONWIDE. CASTILLO WAS QUOTED IN THIS AFTERNOON'S ULTIMA HORA AS SAYING HIS ESTIMATE TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE LARGE NUMBER OF REGISTERED DOMINICAN VOTERS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES THAT DID NOT RETURN TO VOTE. THERE
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ARE NEARLY 400,000 DOMINICANS LIVING MOSTLY IN THE NEW YORK AREA. HE ADDED THAT THE ABSTENTION RATE FELL FURTHER WHEN ONE CONSIDERED THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO CHANGED RESIDENCES OR HAD DIED AFTER REGISTERING. THE JCE PRESIDENT FURTHER COMMENTED THAT THE EIGHT PERCENT RATE WAS POSSIBLY THE LOWEST SINCE FREE ELECTIONS WERE INITIATED AFTER THE FALL OF TRUJILLO.

3. COMMENT: MANUEL CASTILLO'S DECLARATION IS AN
AUTHORITATIVE REJOINDER BY THE JCE TO THE THESIS FLOATED
SUNDAY BY MARINO VINICIO (VINCHO) CASTILLO, PRESIDENT OF
THE DOMINICAN PETROLEUM REFINERY WHO IS CLOSELY LINKED TO
BALAGUER. "VINCHO" ARGUED THAT THE LARGE
ABSTENTION RATE COULD BE DUE TO A MASSIVE FRAUD
DISGUISED AS "IRREGULARITIES," WHICH WHEN CORRECTED
THROUGH "COMPLEMENTARY ELECTIONS," MIGHT RESULT IN A
DIFFERENT OUTCOME THAN A PRD VICTORY.
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